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DCR Advisory: Free Trees Available in Chelsea

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) are planting trees for residents of Chelsea, free of charge. The initiative, called the Greening the Gateway Cities program, is currently planting trees to reduce energy use in urban neighborhoods and lower heating and cooling costs for residents and businesses. This program complements EEA's efforts to insulate older buildings and has additional benefits of reduced stormwater pollution and treatment and cleaner air. An upfront investment in tree planting across an urban neighborhood will pay back energy and water savings for decades as trees grow and mature, as well as make the cities greener and more beautiful. If you live in Chelsea and would like a free tree for your home or business, call DCR at 617-626-1459 to schedule a site visit with a tree expert who will recommend tree species suitable for your location. Plantings will continue this fall and resume again next spring.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Jack Murray, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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